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Council places citywide ban on Styrofoam, e-cigs

Last goodbye.

This City Council's final move was to blacklist electronic cigarettes from public places.

In a final meeting full of emotional goodbyes, the New York City Council passed legislation banning the use of e-cigarettes indoors, as well as the use of Styrofoam citywide.

"The only thing in the world that lives longer than cockroaches and Cher is Styrofoam," Speaker Christine Quinn said, highlighting the importance of not allowing landfills to fill up with a substance that can't biodegrade.

Quinn noted there was a provision to study the



The rules that apply to cigarettes will now apply to electronic cigarettes. / GETTY IMAGES

The count

- The Styrofoam ban passed unanimously, with 51 votes in favor.
- The electronic cigarette ban passed 43 to 8.

feasibility of recycling Styrofoam before the ban is put in place, but there is a time limit on how long the study can last before the ban is enforced.

Answering criticism that the ban is hard on small businesses, the bill's sponsor, Councilmember Lew Fidler was emphatic.

"This Council has had a very, very long record of standing up for small businesses," Fidler insisted.

Councilman Jumaane Williams was one of eight members who voted against the e-cig bill.

"I think there is just too much information that I don't have on the e-cigs," Williams said.

Fidler noted they "did everything precisely the same as we did with tobacco."

The smoking ban allowed for cigar bars and tobacco shops, Fidler pointed out, so long as 50 percent or more of the establishment's sales comes from smoking products.

"We're going to have an analog," he said.



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Abundance of bills

A prolific body

The City Council considered more legislation in this meeting than in any other Council meeting in history, Speaker Christine Quinn said.

She also noted that they have passed more legislation in the past year than any other Council previously did in a 12-month period.

"I love this place in a way that most people might not think of people loving local legislative bodies," Quinn said. "I am humbled and extraordinarily grateful for being able to lead it for eight years."

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Family feud

Stepson charged with murder by stabbing

The stepson of a man stabbed to death in Harlem on Wednesday has been arrested and charged with murder, police said.

About 9:07 a.m., police discovered Ashford Geddes, 68, on Lenox Avenue, a few blocks from his home. He had been stabbed several times.

Geddes was pronounced dead on arrival at Harlem Hospital, police said.

His 32-year-old stepson, Waldean Elliot, was taken into custody at the scene. Police said he and Geddes had been having a dispute when Elliot took out a knife and stabbed him.

Elliot was later charged with murder and criminal possession of a weapon.

DANIELLE TCHOLAKIAN

West Side

Bloomberg to take 'first ride' on 7 train extension

Mayor Michael Bloomberg will take a celebratory ride Friday on the 7 train subway extension, a project he championed.

Bloomberg pushed for the city to fund the \$2 billion project, which extends the 7 line from Times Square to 34th Street and 11th Avenue.

The ceremonial ride will take place at noon, with Bloomberg joining other officials on a special train.

The project was part of his efforts to develop Manhattan's West Side.

"They'll run a train, if I have to push it myself," Bloomberg reportedly said about the extension.

The extension is scheduled to be completed next summer.

ANNA SANDERS

Empire State Building hosts holiday show

Colorful. The light and music show will run at 7 p.m. Friday through Christmas Eve.

The Empire State Building will light up with a festive array of holiday colors in its first ever Christmas light and music show.

Beginning Friday, the iconic building will light up for a show synchronized with holiday hits and classics on 106.7 Lite fm.

The shows will air at 7 p.m. through Christmas Eve.

The best spots to view the show are Brooklyn Bridge, Bryant Park, The Highline, Hoboken/Jersey City Waterfront, Hudson River Esplanade, Long Island City, Madison Square



This is the first Empire State Building holiday show. / GETTY IMAGES

Tradition

"Our light shows are becoming a beloved tradition, something to share for years to come."

Anthony E. Malkin
Chairman, president and CEO of Empire State Realty Trust

Park, Tribeca Park, Union Square, Jackson Square and the Williamsburg Waterfront.

If you can't get a good view of the spectacle, a video will be posted immediately following the show on the building's YouTube channel.

For the Christmas Eve show, the building will review comments from previous viewings on YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, iHeartRadio posts and other social media networks to select and arrange the final performance.

"The celebration of holidays, which are defined in light, makes this series of lightings at the Empire State Building even more powerful to me as an artist," show choreographer Marc Brickman said.

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Worst in class. Slow buses get 'Schleppie,' 'Pokey' awards

The Straphangers Campaign and Transportation Alternatives doled out their annual "Pokey" and "Schleppie" awards to the city's slowest and least reliable buses.

The Pokey, a gold snail on a pedestal, went to the M42 and M50, both cross-town buses in Midtown Manhattan.

SC and TA staff and volunteers said the buses averaged 3.4 mph at noon on a weekday.

The groups said a

wooden row boat can travel faster than that in still water without wind.

"Our advice to the M42 and M50: Don't challenge a row boat to race around the Central Park Reservoir," said Gene Russianoff, attorney for the Straphangers Campaign.

The Schleppie, two gold elephants on a pedestal, went to the M101/2/3 for big gaps in service or multiple buses arriving at once.

DANIELLE TCHOLAKIAN

Melting pot

Probe of girl's death finds human error

A probe into whether the city's 911 system contributed to the death of Ariel Russo, 4, found human

error to blame for the deadly delay in response time.

The report alleges an EMS dispatcher failed to immediately send a crew after Russo was hit by an SUV on June 4, 2011.

LAURA SHIN

New York to have most jobs in city's history



Mayor Bloomberg touted the number of jobs that the city has added since he took office. / GETTY IMAGES

Growth. The city is on track to have 4 million jobs by the end of 2013.

By the time Mayor Michael Bloomberg steps down Jan. 1, New York will reach 4 million jobs for the first time in the city's history.

"We're creating a more economically diverse New York, freeing the city's economy from the steep ups and downs of the Wall Street boom and bust cycle," Bloomberg said at

Staten Island's St. George Ferry Terminal Thursday, the third stop on his all-borough farewell tour.

Most of the city's job growth has been outside of Manhattan.

The most jobs added have also generally been in low-wage industries, according to the Independent Budget Office.

"Those jobs, even if they are low wages, give you a stepping-stone to a higher-wage job," Bloomberg said.

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By the numbers

406K

Since 2001, when Bloomberg took office, to October 2013, more than 406,000 private sector jobs have been added, a 13 percent increase, officials said.

Future

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Target cyber breach hits 40 million cards



Target warned customers in an alert on its website that the criminals had stolen names, payment card numbers, expiration dates and security codes. / GETTY IMAGES

Theft. The company identified the breach on Sunday and had begun responding to it the same day.

Target Corp. said hackers might have stolen data from some 40 million credit and debit cards of shoppers who visited its stores during the first three weeks of the holiday season in the second-largest such breach reported by a U.S. retailer.

In terms of the speed at which the hackers were able to access large numbers of credit cards, the data theft was unprecedented. It took place in the 19 days from the day before Thanksgiving to Sunday, in the heart of the crucial Christmas holiday sales season.

Target said on Thursday

Investigators believe that hackers compromised software installed on point-of-sales terminals that customers use to swipe magnetic strips on cards when paying for merchandise.



that it was working with federal law enforcement and outside experts to prevent similar attacks in the future. It did not disclose how its systems were compromised.

Experts said the incident could not have come at a worse time for Target, which is working to woo sales away from rivals in the last week of the holiday shopping season. Complaints from customers began to surface on social media as they learned of it early Thursday morning.

"Most of these attacks are just a cost of doing business," said Mark Rasch, a former U.S. cyber crimes prosecutor. "But an attack that's targeted against a major retailer during the peak of the Christmas season is much more than that, because it undermines confidence."

The largest breach against a retailer, uncovered in 2007 at TJX Cos Inc., led to the theft of data from more than 90 million credit cards over about 18 months. **REUTERS**

Nevada hospital

Police say doctor's slaying likely not random

A gunman who shot and killed a doctor and wounded two other people in a medical office in Reno, Nev., before taking his own life was apparently not acting randomly, but his motives remain unknown, police said.

The shooting occurred Tuesday afternoon inside a building adjacent to the Renown Regional Medical Center.

REUTERS

Way to go, bro. Fidel Castro hails brother for Obama handshake

Fidel Castro praised his brother, Cuban President Raul Castro, for shaking hands with President Barack Obama at a memorial for Nelson Mandela, saying he demonstrated courtesy and dignity with the gesture.

The elder Castro touched on the handshake that made headlines, at the end of a long column published in the Cuban media that praised Mandela and reviewed Cuba's role in ending apartheid.

"I congratulate Com-



The shake / GETTY IMAGES

rade Raul for his brilliant performance [at the memorial] and especially for his firmness and dignity when, with a friendly but firm greeting to the head of government of the United States, he said in English, 'Mr. President, I am Castro.'" **REUTERS**

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Zuckerberg to sell Facebook shares worth about \$2.3B

Facebook Inc., founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg will sell 41.4 million shares worth about \$2.3 billion to pay a tax bill, as part of an offering by the social network of 70 million Class A



Facebook sale / GETTY IMAGES

common shares. Facebook shares, which have doubled in

Class A share

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Each Class A share is entitled to one vote, while Class B shares are entitled to 10 votes and are convertible at any time into one Class A share.

value this year, were down 4 percent at \$53.54 before the bell.

Zuckerberg's sale will reduce his voting power to 56.1 percent from 58.8 percent, the company said in a filing on Thursday.

Facebook said it expects Zuckerberg to use most of the net proceeds from the sale to satisfy taxes related to the exercise of an option to buy 60 million Class B shares.

REUTERS

Theater ceiling collapse in London hurts more than 80



An injured man is taken to a hospital in an ambulance after sections of the roof of the Apollo Theatre collapsed on Thursday in London. / GETTY IMAGES

No terrorism. Police said there was no suggestion that it was the result of a deliberate act.

Emergency services said nearly 90 people had been injured in a packed London theater on Thursday when part of the ceiling collapsed during a performance, bringing the city's West End theatre district to a standstill.

The audience was showered with masonry and debris following the incident at the Apollo Theatre, where about 720 people including many families were watching the hugely popular play "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time."

"A section of the theatre's ceiling collapsed onto the audience who were watching the show. The ceiling took parts of the balconies down with it," said Nick Harding from London Fire Brigade.

Emergency services said there were 88 in-

jured, with 81 "walking wounded," many with head injuries, with seven more taken to hospitals with more serious injuries. Police said they were not aware of any fatalities.

"Specialist urban search and rescue crews were also called to the scene to make sure no one was trapped. Fortunately all those who were trapped have been rescued and treated for injuries or taken to hospital," Harding said.

Witnesses said the ceiling in the four-story auditorium had simply collapsed during the performance, sending those inside into a panic when they realized it was not part of the play. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"We saw the ceiling give way and it just dropped down onto the stalls. There was dust everywhere and people were screaming."

Steve George
Who was sitting in seats at the top of the theater

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Congress warned of debt ceiling deadline

Running low. The U.S. is fast using up its borrowing power, the treasury secretary warns.

The Obama administration warned Congress on Thursday that the government could run out of borrowing authority needed to help pay its bills as soon as February if lawmakers do not swiftly raise the federal debt ceiling.

"I respectfully urge Congress to take action to raise the debt limit at the earliest possible moment," Treasury Secretary Jack Lew said to Congress.

Congress passed a two-year budget deal on Wednesday to trim some spending cuts planned for next year, and the pact reduces the risk of a gov-

ernment shutdown. But the legislation does nothing to avoid a potential unprecedented U.S. debt default that could occur if Washington does not raise the borrowing cap. In October, Congress and the administration suspended a \$16.7 trillion cap on borrowing until Feb. 7. If the debt ceiling isn't raised by then, Treasury will be able to juggle money between government accounts for a few weeks to keep just under the new limit. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"I respectfully urge Congress to take action to raise the debt limit at the earliest possible moment."

Treasury Secretary Jack Lew said in a letter to congressional leaders.



This snowman and the United States cash flow both could be heading for an early spring meltdown. / GETTY IMAGES

Consumer group

'Superbug' bacteria widespread in US chicken

About half of the raw chicken breasts in a nationwide sampling carried antibiotic-resistant "superbug" bacteria, a U.S. consumer group said on Thursday, calling for stricter limits on use of the medicines on livestock.

It could be more difficult to treat people if they became ill after eating chicken with the antibiotic-resistant bacteria, said Consumer Reports, which describes itself as the world's largest independent product-

testing organization.

The group said it tested for six types of bacteria in 316 raw chicken breasts purchased from retailers nationwide during July. Almost all of the samples contained potentially harmful bacteria, it said. **REUTERS**

Resistance

49.7%

Some 49.7 percent carried a bacterium resistant to three or more antibiotics, according to the group, and 11 percent had two types of bacteria resistant to multiple drugs. Resistance was most common for the antibiotics used for growth promotion and disease treatment of poultry.



Consumer Reports urged passage of a law to restrict eight classes of antibiotics for use only to treat humans and sick animals. / GETTY IMAGES

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US appeals court revives Sept. 11 victims' lawsuit against Saudi Arabia

First time. District Judge Richard Casey in Manhattan dismissed the claims in 2005.

A U.S. appeals court on Thursday revived claims by families of victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks who alleged that Saudi Arabia provided material support to al-Qaida.

Reversing a lower court ruling, the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New York said "the interests of justice" justified reviving the claims, in light of a 2011 decision that allowed similar claims to proceed against Afghanistan.

Circuit Judge Chester Straub wrote for a three-



The litigation began in 2002. Families of Sept. 11 victims had alleged that Saudi Arabia and a government affiliated charity knowingly provided funding and other material support to al-Qaida that helped it carry out the attacks. / GETTY IMAGES

judge panel that it would be "especially anomalous" to treat both sets of plaintiffs differently. He returned the case to U.S. District Judge George Daniels in Manhattan for further proceedings.

The litigation was

brought on behalf of families of the nearly 3,000 people killed in the Sept. 11 attacks, as well as insurers that covered losses suffered by building owners and businesses.

Most of the attackers were Saudi nationals

who hijacked planes and flew them into the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and — when passengers revolted — into a field in Pennsylvania. **REUTERS**

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Michigan man charged in porch shooting will face trial

A white suburban Detroit homeowner will stand trial on charges of second-degree murder in the shooting death of a young black woman who knocked on his door in the middle of the night in November, a Michigan judge said on Thursday.

Prosecutors presented sufficient evidence for Theodore Wafer, 54, to stand trial on charges that he killed Renisha McBride, 19, in the early morning hours of Nov. 2, Wayne County District Court Judge David Turfe said.

The racially charged case in Dearborn Heights, Mich., triggered protests that attracted national attention and drew comparisons to the 2012 shooting death of the unarmed Florida teenager Trayvon Martin.

Turfe said Wafer had other options available to him when he went to his front door that night.

"The defendant came to the door with a shotgun," Turfe said.

"His first thought was to bring the gun, not call for help or not answer the door." **REUTERS**

Accused. Judge orders sanity evaluation for Sept. 11 conspirator

A U.S. military tribunal judge on Thursday called a temporary halt to hearings for five men accused of conspiring in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks to allow time to evaluate the sanity of a suspect whose disruptive outbursts have caused him to repeatedly be removed from the courtroom.

U.S. Army Col. Judge James Pohl said he planned to convene a military sanity board to assess whether Ramzi Binalshibh's mental health is adequate for him to participate in his own legal defense.

James Harrington, civilian attorney for Binalshibh, said: "We agree that the proceedings have to stop, or abate, until this is determined." **REUTERS**

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Dive into the action with the new PS4 show-off game, “Assassins Creed IV: Black Flag.” / PROVIDED

WE PLAYED THE PS4

This holiday season boasts many new games for a new system. If you were one of the lucky few who got one before they sold out, here's a ranked list of what you need to get. **METRO WORLD NEWS**



‘FIFA 14’

The soccer classic is back, and it looks just like a game on TV — except you can play it! Nerds will tell you there's a new engine behind the visuals. But what's important is the photo-realism translates to the play: Limbs look like moving limbs, allowing for the illusion of complete control.

Negatives: As in other editions, there's no tournament mode.

‘Killzone: Shadowfall’

“Wow, a new Killzone!” people nowhere are saying. The first-person shoot-'em-up series has always been just generic enough to get by without becoming a phenomenon. But this version offers some surprises that really show off the PS4's graphics.

Negatives: It still pales in comparison to most others in the genre.



‘NBA 2K14’

Like “FIFA,” this is another EA Sports game, which means it's got the same photorealism — right down to LeBron James' frowny eyebrows. The gameplay is as fluid as ever. The leading b-ball franchise out there, “2K14” ensures you'll never set foot on an actual court.

Negatives: There's a manager mode, in which you sit at a desk.

‘Assassins Creed IV: Black Flag’

Like the other games here, save “Killzone,” “Creed” is available on other platforms, so don't buy a PS4 just for this. But the historical adventure, set among pirates in the Caribbean, looks stunning, with water you could dive in. And it really shows off the system's “remote play” feature, which requires the PlayStation Vita. You can start a game on the console and pick it up again on a mobile device.

Negatives: If you already own this, don't buy it again.



‘Lego Marvel Superheroes’

Some people play with Legos to build things. Most people play with Legos to build things and then smash things up. They'll love this new entry, which finds Iron Man and friends just destroying stuff.

Negatives: The game is already available on the Playstation 3 and Xbox 360, where it's basically the same.

Back in the day. Technology is good, but classics can't be beat

For PC/Mac

Game-Oldies.com

Format: Here's a free emulator for a whopping 20 retro consoles, from NES to TurboGrafix 16.

Pluses: It's got a plethora of titles (5,697), plus a save option. And you get to try out some esoteric consoles (remember Neo Geo??).

Minuses: A clunky website interface truly mimics the PCs of yesteryear.

NESbox.com & SNESbox.com

Format: You get both the original Nintendo and Super Nintendo.

Pluses: It features oodles of your favorite Nintendo titles.

Minuses: Unfortunately, you can only play in your browser..

For Android

SuperGNES.com

Format: At \$3.99, this emulator scans your phone to view and play installed ROMs (emulated games).

Pluses: And you can connect to a network and play multiplayer.

Minuses: It makes you work. Go to websites like Coolrom.com/roms/snes/ to download ROMs to your device.

FOR IPAD/IPHONE

iEmulators.com



Who's up for an old-fashioned game of “Battletoads”? / NES

Format: Emulators are now designed for your iPhone/iPad.

Pluses: Follow a few weird installation steps and you can turn your phone into a Nintendo. You'll have to download the ROMs

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Minuses: Trickery may go against your morals of tinkering with your pricey, beloved device. And alas, the controls are difficult for games like Super Mario. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

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Into a glass case of emotion



Interview. Will Ferrell says "Anchorman 2" is the only sequel he'd ever do.

There's a stack of magazines sitting on the coffee table of Will Ferrell's suite at Toronto's Ritz-Carlton. The glossy one on top grabs his attention. He picks it up and flourishes his hand across its cover — a picture of a panda munching on a shoot of bamboo.

"How apropos that there's a panda on the cover of this magazine. That was the big story in the first 'Anchorman': the panda story," he reminisces. "It's too bad they're almost extinct now. But let's not talk about that."

Indeed. Time is of the essence and Ferrell's got a few more upbeat things to talk about — like "Anchorman 2" and his whirlwind promotion tour. Prior to touching down in Toronto earlier this month, he'd pulled a few Ron Burgundy stunts: co-anchoring a local newscast in Bismarck, N.D., and co-hosting the Roar of the Rings curling tournament in Winnipeg.

But it's all a labor of love for Ferrell, who together with his co-writer Adam McKay, once swore he'd never do sequels — a claim with an asterisk for one special movie. "While we were adamant against [sequels], we would always have this sidebar conversation where we thought if we ever were to do a sequel one day, it would probably be 'Anchorman,'" he says.

In "Anchorman 2," Ron Burgundy and his reunited crew (Paul Rudd, Steve Carell, David Koechner)



Will Ferrell returns to his Ron Burgundy persona in "Anchorman 2." / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"People just started falling in love with this movie on a different level after repeat viewings." Ferrell, on the original "Anchorman" movie

face a new decade with new challenges: a 24-hour cable news channel and a — gasp — female African American boss. In terms of joke density, "Anchorman 2" packs in as many as the first and — if you can believe it — even more cameos, most of which he doesn't want to spoil.

"That's the love people have for 'Anchorman,'" Ferrell says. "We kept hearing from people and had them reaching out to us."

Originally Ferrell says

he wanted Brad Pitt to play Ron Burgundy's pretty-boy nemesis news anchor Jack Lime, but when Pitt declined, Ferrell and McKay brought in James Marsden. "We just did an informal read-through of the script before filming to see how jokes were playing, and Marsden read that part and we were like, 'He's the guy.' We just cast him off the read-through," he says.

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No competition

On the topic of making "Anchorman 2," Ferrell says the process just felt like a reunion party. "We shot a teaser before we shot any of the movie

— just us back in our outfits. Everyone felt really sentimental and it was like, 'Wow, we're actually going to do this again' and that just continued through the shooting. "It's cliché-sounding but

I don't know if I worked more closely with any cast, the way we get along. We have this shared sense of letting each other be funny all at the same time. There's no real competition. That's rare."

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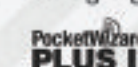
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Hard times for film in 2013

In review. Cinema wasn't happy, but it also wasn't bad.

At the movies, everything is bleak. This year taught us that love is hard ("Before Midnight," "Blue Is the Warmest Color," "To the Wonder," "Her"), aging is hard ("The World's End") and we're all going to die, possibly horrifically ("The Counselor"). Between birth and death, you fight to survive, fending off failure

("Inside Llewyn Davis"), disease ("Dallas Buyers Club") and inhumane institutions ("12 Years a Slave").

You may struggle alone, in space ("Gravity"), at sea ("All Is Lost") or at an abandoned hospital besieged by Katrina ("Hours," with a rather good Paul Walker). If you partied (as

in "Spring Breakers," "The Bling Ring" and "The Wolf of Wall Street"), you did it hard and at the expense of others.

There was happiness too — or at least pretty pictures. There was the usual rash of interchangeable comic book and YA movies, made to be hoovered up by everyone at once

Matt Prigge's Top 5 films of the year

'To the Wonder'

1 Having tackled life, the universe and everything with "The Tree of Life," director Terrence Malick settled for a simple love story. That doesn't mean it was less heavy. Malick's camerawork plays like dance, and not just because Olga Kurylenko spends debatably too much time twirling.



Rachel McAdams and Ben Affleck get cute in "To the Wonder." / MARY CYBULSKI

'The World's End'

2 One of the funniest films of the year is also one of the saddest, arguing that not only can't you recreate the hedonistic glories of your youth, but maturity isn't much better. Simon Pegg's pathetic middle-ager discovers there's a ridiculous reason everyone from his small hometown seems zombified. And instead of giving in, he (drunkenly) puts up his fists.

'Inside Llewyn Davis'

3 Not every artist makes it. The Coens' latest — either emotionally gutting or darkly hilarious, depending on how you stare at it — follows an uncompromising, unpleasant musician (Oscar Isaac) who doesn't.

'The Counselor'

4 Everyone hated this talky Cormac McCarthy thriller without realizing it's a reductio ad absurdum of the novelist's bleak-o-rama worldview. After getting involved in a drug deal, our heroes (Michael Fassbender, Brad Pitt and Javier Bardem) realize too late that they're in comically over their heads. The only response, after much head trauma, is to laugh.

'Something in the Air'

5 French filmmaker Olivier Assayas ("Carlos") reflects on his misspent youth, with a floppy-haired artist (Clement Metayer) flirting with radical politics without realizing he's only in it for the girls. Every dumb thought you had in your 20s lies in this quietly devastating time capsule.



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Simon Pegg tries (and fails) to relive his youth in "The World's End." / LAURIE SPARHAM

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Countdown. The Metro staff weighs in on seeing (and not seeing) the year's movies

"I very much enjoyed 'The Spectacular Now' and am looking forward to Shailene Woodley's Hollywood take-over in 2014." **EMILY LAURENCE**

"I might have teared up a little watching 'Lee Daniels' The Butler' with my dad. Really moving parent-child stuff happening there, although I don't care about Oprah (there, I said it). I'm pretty sure that's the only

movie I paid to see in a theater this year. I feel like it's a case of everyone forgetting that movie by the end of the year because of its early release date." **T. MICHELLE MURPHY**

"A few of us only put one or two films because we hadn't seen many movies this year. Are we as a culture moving away from movies because, in a 140-characters-or-less society, a two-hour movie takes up too much time?" **PAT HEALY**



Sandra Bullock hangs on in "Gravity." / WARNER BROS. PICTURES

up by everyone at once then quickly forgotten. (Quick: Who were the baddies of "Thor: The Dark World"? But it was heartening to see the masses flock to "Gravity," which offered a legitimately new way of looking at movies, albeit one borrowed in part from the avant-garde. Thanks to technology, the "camera" was freed, and thus created in the viewer the loss of control felt by its sparse, flailing cast.

Some imagery was even older: "Computer Chess" and "No" both used

decades-old video to create a look both ugly and beautiful. And sometimes the pictures were simply flat-out gorgeous, as in the dim light and radiant colors caught from a Nigerian enclave in Brooklyn by "Mother of George" cinematographer Bradford Young.

The films of 2013 were real downers but also excellent cinema. This was a year where there were at least 30 better titles than a Martin Scorsese picture. If 2014 is happier, that may be a bad thing.

Staff picks

- 1 'Gravity'
Dir. Alfonso Cuarón
- 2 'This Is the End'
Dirs. Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg
- 3 'To the Wonder'
Dir. Terrence Malick
- 4 'Inside Llewyn Davis'
Dirs. Joel and Ethan Coen
- 5 'Dallas Buyers Club'
Dir. Jean-Marc Vallée

"There weren't many movies out this year that really interested me, for some reason. And I'm someone who will go see almost anything, if someone else wants to go, just because I have a sick obsession with movie theater popcorn." **ALEXANDRA CAVALLO**

"I don't think it's the two hours, I think it's the \$30. I think that's why people will go see 'Gravity' on the big screen, or something that

would be compromised to watch on an iPad — or if it's something timely/topical they don't want to be left out of ('Hunger Games,' superheroes, hobbits)." **TMM**

"Now that I'm a parent, I see that the act of going to a movie theater is a big luxury. If you have kids, seeing a movie means getting a babysitter (if you are a decent and kind moviegoer, which I know many aren't). At \$15 an hour for the sitter coupled with two tickets,

that is well over \$100 to see 'R.I.P.D.' — sometimes in a theater WHERE SOMEONE BROUGHT THEIR CRYING BABY. The entire experience doesn't justify the cost."

DOROTHY ROBINSON

"I love rowdy theaters — it's part of the experience. But I'm wholly alone in that and no one in my life will come with me to any of the noisy theaters I like. And I usually need someone there to explain to me what's going on on-screen." **RACHEL VIGODA**

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"Mother Africa" brings heat to the holidays. / PROVIDED

making for an encompassing African-themed night in Midtown.

The show runs 90 minutes, with one intermission, at 209 W. 42nd St. Learn more or buy tickets at www.newvictory.org.

T. MICHELLE MURPHY

Wool over your eyes



The Christopher Wool exhibit runs through Jan. 22. / PROVIDED

Exhibit. The Guggenheim hosts a retrospective on one of the most valuable artists of our time.

The Christopher Wool retrospective at the Guggenheim unfolds dramatically up the museum's rotunda. The artist's predominantly black-and-white paintings, photographs and paper works starkly contrast the low-lit corridors.

Wool annihilates the boundaries of painting, forcing the viewer to continually question a piece's medium. His black-and-white "paintings," for instance, are actually a synthesis of forms: painting, drawing, digital media, graphic design and graffiti.

Also among the 90-plus works are recent abstract pieces involving collage, erasure, silk-screening and double manipulation.

This ambiguity of genre adds power to otherwise simple creations — like his chameleon trompe l'oeil works, where what appears painted is actually a silk screen and vice versa.

Sadly, you won't see Wool's "Apocalypse Now" (1988), an emulsion painting that screams "SELL THE HOUSE-SELL THE

What to see

- In "Trouble" (1989), pictured, large bold enamel and acrylic letters scroll across an aluminum base, utilizing Gestalt psychology to create a total idea from simplified parts.
- Wool's "Minor Mishap" (2001) is a deceptive trick; its orange abstract expressionist brush strokes are not painted — they're silkscreen ink on linen, the technique made famous by Andy Warhol.
- In "Untitled" (2000), expressive letters declare "THE-HARDER-YOU-LOOK-THE-HARDER-YOU-LOOK." This tautology may be a statement about his witty artistic ethos. His work deceives but does not betray.

CAR-SELL THE KIDS," a line from Francis Ford Coppola's movie of the same name. It sold at Christie's on Nov. 13 for \$26,485,000, making it the sixth-most-valuable work ever sold at public auction.

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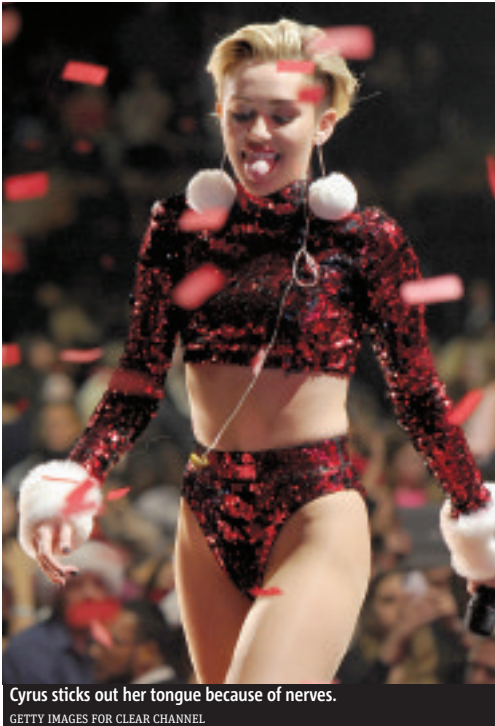
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Cyrus sticks out her tongue because of nerves.
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All about Miley Cyrus' tongue

The truth behind Miley Cyrus' penchant for sticking out her tongue in photos is that she's actually just really nervous, she insisted in a recent interview with Barbara Walters.

"I get embarrassed to take pictures. That's actually the truth," she says. "I'm so embarrassed,

because people are taking pictures of me, and I just don't know how to — I don't know how to smile, and just be awkward, so I stick my tongue out, because I don't know what else to do."

Well, maybe if she would put on some pants, she wouldn't feel so self-conscious?

Talking points

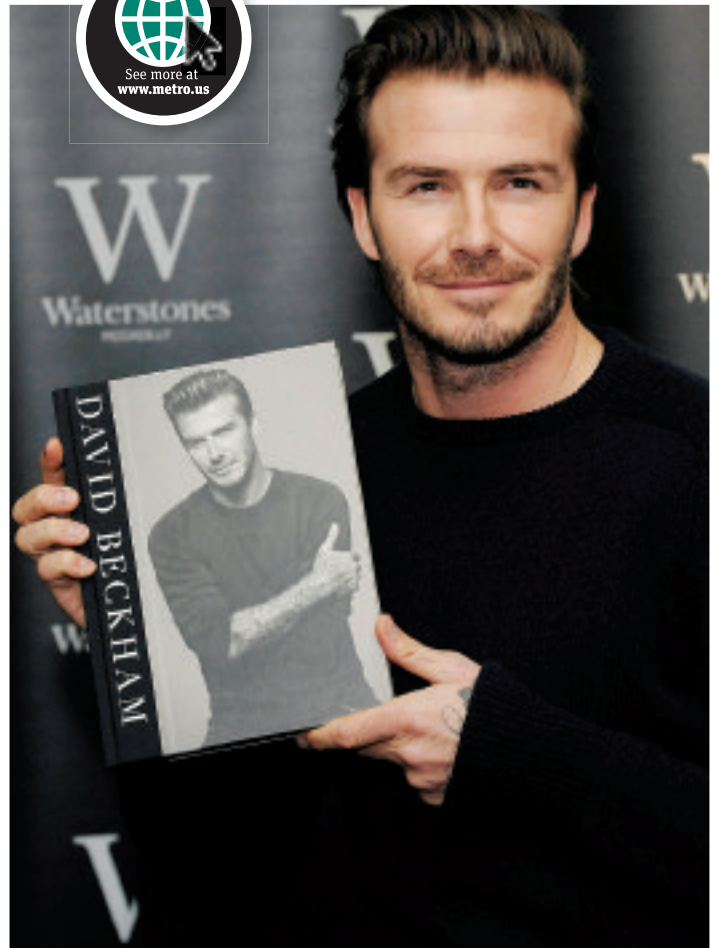
Demi Lovato is leaving 'The X Factor'

It was announced Wednesday night that Demi Lovato would not be returning as a judge in season four of "The X Factor." Backstage, Lovato confirmed to E! News that she is indeed exiting the series. "It's been an awesome experience, but I'm itching to go back to music," she said.

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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Book it like Beckham

I'm just going to go ahead and judge a book by its cover and call the new self-titled autobiography by David Beckham "Extremely Attractive." The soccer star met fans and signed copies of his new book in London on Thursday — some fans camped out overnight to try to meet the star.

The 'Duck Dynasty' controversy continues (now with Sarah Palin!)

Did you know Sarah Palin is a huge free speech advocate? Move over, ACLU: If you're a reality star who likes to tell gay people that they're going to hell, the former governor of Alaska has got your back.

That star is "Duck Dynasty" patriarch Phil Robertson, who recently made comments about homosexuality to GQ, comparing it to bestiality. "Start with homosexual behavior and just morph

out from there. Bestiality, sleeping around with this woman and that woman and that woman and those men," he said.

A&E is not pleased with one of its stars unfavorably comparing a man's anus

to a vagina, (you need to read the dude's full quote, because he did say that) and the network has relieved him of his reality show duties.

Sarah Palin won't stand for that kind of great injustice. "Free speech is an endangered species. Those 'intolerant' hatin' and taking on the 'Duck Dynasty' patriarch for voicing his personal opinion are taking on all of us," she said on Facebook.

She's droppin' her G's! She means business!

Kind of lost in all this, for some reason, is that Robertson isn't just homophobic; he also made some startling comments about black people. The 67-year-old Louisiana native said, "I never, with my eyes, saw the

mistreatment of any black person. Not once. Where we lived was all farmers. The blacks worked for the farmers. I hoed cotton with them. I'm with the blacks, because we're white trash. We're going across the field. ... They're singing and happy. I never heard one of them, one black person, say, 'I tell you what: These doggone white people' — not a word! ... Pre-entitlement, pre-welfare, you say: Were they happy? They were godly; they were happy; no one was singing the blues."

Uh ... singing, happy black farmhands who knew their place? A&E, could you reinstate this guy so you can suspend him again?
MELINDA TAUB



Did Phil Robertson learn nothing from Paula Deen this year? / AMC



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♑ **Capricorn** | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. It's OK to ask for favors, but make sure to reciprocate. Starting your own business could lead to success.

♒ **Aquarius** | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. You may find that secret conversations are undermining your reputation. Keep your thoughts and plans to yourself.

♓ **Pisces** | Feb. 19-March 20. Taking a creative path will increase your earning potential and lead to a new and exciting enterprise.

♈ **Aries** | March 21-April 20. Your charisma and energy will draw romantic partners. Be careful not to exaggerate your interest by saying things that you don't mean.

♉ **Taurus** | April 21-May 21. Someone is likely to meddle in your personal life. If you find that you're in need of advice, seek out an impartial outsider but tell them the full story.

♊ **Gemini** | May 22-June 20. Avoid taking any risks today. Hide your money and avoid the temptation to make impulse purchases.

♋ **Cancer** | June 21-July 22. The home front will be extremely active today. Make a list and plan your day carefully in order to avoid setbacks. Make sure to prioritize what needs to be done.

♌ **Leo** | July 23-Aug. 22. Problems with authority will crop up at this time. Be as tactful as possible and avoid antagonizing easily offended parties.

♍ **Virgo** | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Group dynamics are bound to cause you distress. Put your energy into making self-improvements.

♎ **Libra** | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Avoid procrastinating and gossiping with your peers. Focus on completing your work, and you will be noticed for your hard work and integrity.

♏ **Scorpio** | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Your partner may be feeling rejected. Open up the channels of communication. A secret or untoward relationship could develop. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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How to play
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Crossword

Across

- 1 Blissful spot
- 5 Get— writing
- 9 Keen enjoyment
- 13 Petty or Loughlin
- 14 Theme
- 16 Ben Jonson works
- 17 Long drink
- 18 Tiny organism (var.)
- 19 Shoat quote
- 20 Pharaoh's amulet
- 21 Emerald, for one
- 22 Unusual sightings
- 24 Sandals' lack
- 26 Pueblo Indian
- 27 Import taxes
- 30 Ant habitats
- 34 Theater employee
- 35 Stalk prey
- 36 Mirth
- 37 Prompter's hint
- 38 Snug
- 39 Spleen
- 40 Neaten a beard
- 42 Vinegary
- 43 Queue
- 45 Painter's tool (2 wds.)
- 47 Glove leathers
- 48 Bleach bottles
- 49 Older TV adjuncts
- 50 Happened to
- 53 Mate's comeback
- 54 Heart

Down

- 58 Supplements
- 59 Hoops great — Baylor
- 61 Opportunist
- 62 No future —
- 63 Unnerve
- 64 Joie de vivre
- 65 Delicate
- 66 Violin parts
- 67 Grabbed a taxi
- 1 Lohengrin's bride
- 2 Soft plumage
- 3 QB — Kramer
- 4 Alternative to PJ's
- 5 Reflections
- 6 Huge volumes
- 7 Big-ticket—
- 8 Tip of a pen
- 9 Speeding
- 10 Singer — Adams
- 11 On its way
- 12 Clucks
- 15 Professors
- 23 She loved Lennon
- 25 Not 'neath
- 26 Like city real estate
- 27 Heating pipes
- 28 Seize power
- 29 His and hers
- 30 Curry-powder ingredient

- 31 Epic by Homer
- 32 Like a haunted house
- 33 Parakeet treats
- 35 Conjuror's first word?
- 38 Dickered
- 41 Grandeur
- 43 Chestnut hull
- 44 Knight, to damsel
- 46 "Westworld" name
- 47 Olfactory stimuli
- 49 Contending
- 50 Scoop out water
- 51 Ferber or Millay
- 52 S&L protector
- 53 Winter woe
- 55 Scandinavian city
- 56 Pored over
- 57 Urn homophone
- 60 Relay segment

Thursday's answer



Letters

If only the government would tell us how to eat

Who of your readers could use another \$12,000? This Affordable Health Care Act called Obamacare should have included an educational program on eating well. It's a well-established conclusion that the knowledge and application of selecting, preparing and eating primarily a plant-based diet dramatically reduces the risk of ALL diseases including cancers, heart diseases, diabetes and obesity. If the government truly wanted to keep its citizens healthy, a small adjustment in their eating habits could reduce health care costs

and thereby reduce health care premiums by at least \$1,000 per month.

DAVID SNIECKUS, VIA EMAIL

Walker quip in poor taste

Re: 'Top pop culture moments of 2013' (Metro, Dec. 16) I was shocked to see the comment by Metro writer Rachel Vigoda. Her comment would be inappropriate and entirely insensitive after anyone's death, but especially so given the tragic circumstances of Paul Walker's.

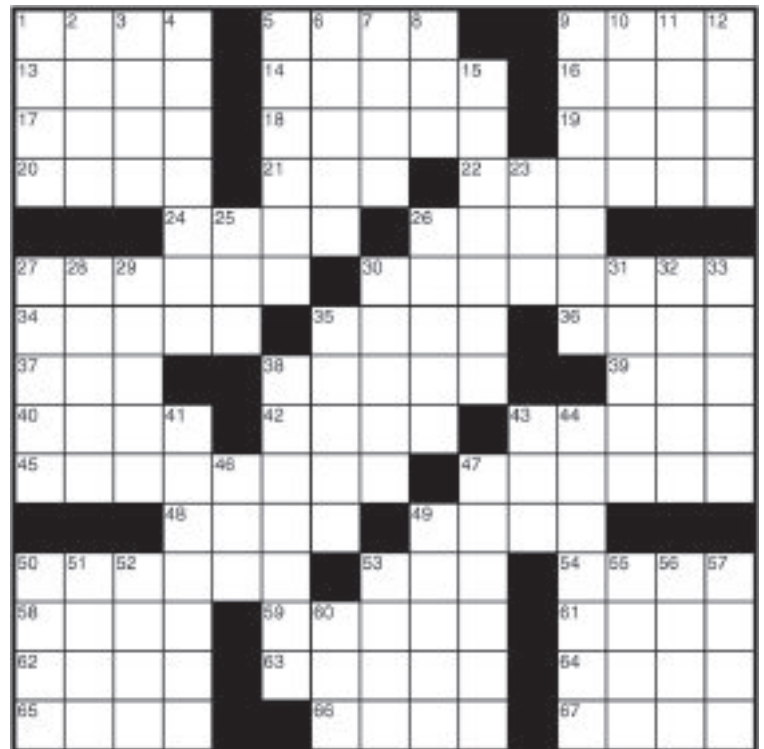
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No Tanaka

Tanaka will reportedly not be posted

If the Yankees are going to improve a starting pitching unit that struggled last season, they won't be adding Masahiro Tanaka in order to do so.

The Japanese sensation, who was 24-0 with a 1.27 ERA last season for the Rakuten Golden Eagles, will not be posted by his club, according to multiple reports.

The Yankees, among others, were thought to be interested in signing the 25-year-old sensation.

His club, however, was not happy with MLB's new posting rules in which a Japanese team is given \$20 million for negotiation rights by an MLB team. Previously, MLB clubs would bid an uncapped amount for the rights to sign a player. **METRO**



David Nelson spent very little time with the Browns, but he's excited to get an opportunity to face them. / GETTY IMAGES

David Nelson aims for revenge, part II

NFL. The wide receiver already faced off with a Buffalo team that cut him, and now he faces Cleveland.

David Nelson will have yet another opportunity to prove himself against a team that has cut him within the past year.

Nelson has been here before. Cut by the Bills after he spent the first three

years of his NFL career in Buffalo, Nelson was in training camp with the Browns this year. But a prior knee injury robbed him of much of camp and he was among the last cuts in Cleveland in August.

"Just couldn't get healthy, I think that was the main thing," Nelson said. "[I] signed there after an ACL surgery and didn't participate in OTAs [organized team activities] and mini camp. Just wasn't able to fully participate in training camp. I came

back a day and got injured again. I only got to play in one game — in that last preseason game — and to be completely honest with you, I didn't play that well."

Despite not being signed by the Jets until Week 5, Nelson is tied for third on the team with 27 receptions. He has 324 receiving yards on the season. He's become a favorite target of rookie quarterback Geno Smith, in particular on third downs.

Even Cleveland admits it was tough to cut ties

with a player who got just one preseason game with the team.

"Yeah, it was a tough decision for us," Browns head coach Rob Chudzinski said. "But it's good to see he's back on the field and playing well, doing the things that you knew he could do, and he's an outstanding person and I'm happy to see that he's made it back and doing well."

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BY STEVE MUELLER

Men's Health Consultant

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Cruz sunk

Victor Cruz out for season after knee surgery

The Giants' season was unofficially over weeks ago after their loss in San Diego, but it officially ended on Thursday for wideout Victor Cruz, who underwent a knee debridement procedure in Pensacola, Fla.

Big Blue's leading

receiver was given a second opinion from Dr. James Andrews earlier in the week, and the famed surgeon also performed the procedure. Cruz will be out for Sunday's tilt in Detroit and the season finale at home against the Redskins in two weeks.

"We have other guys we'll move in [but] we're just not identifying them right now," offen-



Victor Cruz is done for 2013. / GETTY IMAGES

sive coordinator Kevin Gilbride said. "We've got other receivers that we certainly rehearse for just this occasion."

Gilbride later added Jerrel Jernigan, who generally works on kick returns and as a backup will likely get the first opportunity to play in Cruz's slot position. Rueben Randle will be counted on to step up as well. **TONY WILLIAMS**

White pumps up 'sick' event

UFC 168. A rematch between Silva and Weidman is the highlight of 2013's final UFC show.

In UFC President Dana White's estimation all Chris Weidman has to do is beat Anderson Silva — again.

"Look at Chris Weidman. He's undefeated. The guy has never been beat, including Anderson Silva. He beat Anderson Silva. And now he goes in the second time and he's the underdog again," White told Metro New York in a phone conversation this week about the upcoming UFC 168. "It's a big fight for Chris Weidman. If Chris Weidman goes in and does what he did the first time against [Silva], this guy would be the biggest thing ever."

UFC 168 is scheduled for Dec. 28 at the MGM



Chris Weidman knocked out Anderson Silva in a surprise decision in Round 2 when they met earlier this summer. / GETTY IMAGES

Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

"It's the culmination of a great year," White said. "We've had an incredible year and what better way to end the year than with this card? This card is sick."

As such, UFC raised prices \$5 for the pay-per-view. Typically, the cost for a UFC pay-per-view is \$44.95 (standard definition) and \$54.95 (high definition).

"There's a lot going into this show," White

said. "This is the last show of the year, we have two title fights on the card and in five years we've never raised the price of anything. But I'll tell you this: Expenses have gone up, fighters are making more money and this one

The card

UFC 168 is being billed as Weidman vs. Silva II, but the biggest name might be fighting in the co-main event: Ronda Rousey.

- Chris Weidman (middleweight champion) vs. Anderson Silva
- Ronda Rousey (women's bantamweight champion) vs. Miesha Tate
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and round.

Silva spent much of the six minutes and 18 seconds clowning and taunting Weidman until the challenger's fist landed flush on his chin sending the then-champion to the mat and his only loss in the UFC.

"So many fighters [prior to UFC 162] were saying Chris Weidman was going to win this fight," White said of Silva's antics that night. "I think Anderson in his own mind wanted to go out and prove to everybody that he was so much better than Chris Weidman, you know what I mean? I think that played into it, too."

The co-main event features Ronda Rousey and Miesha Tate, who competed against each other on the latest "The Ultimate Fighter" TV season.

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